

board of education, Monday. Roger Sullivan, Catholic and Democrat, today was active among aldermen of his following urging them to confirm the appointment of Loeb by Mayor Thompson, Republican and Protestant, who was swept into power in the City Hall in a campaign featured by sensational use of the Anti-Catholic issue.

Pictures of Maclay Hoyne and Roger Sullivan in this week's Menace, the leading organ of the Guardians of Liberty go with a story claiming that Hoyne's attacks on Mayor Thompson and Former Police Chief C. C. Healey are a Catholic attack on the Thompson Anti-Catholic administration.

Sec'y Ed Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor today made the most serious charges that have yet been brought against Chicago politicians of treacherous handling of the religious issues. The letter follows:

Chicago, Ill., April 28, 1917.  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL—  
GENTLEMEN:**

The members of the city council are being subjected to tremendous pressure to confirm the reappointment to the board of education of that arch-enemy of the public schools, Jacob M. Loeb, oppressor of teachers and, through them, of the school children of Chicago.

Aside from the determination of this man to crush union labor, he is unfit to serve on the board of education. A fighter is needed on the school board, no doubt, but a destroyer who runs amuck as this man does, setting the elements of the community against each other and keeping the city in turmoil of class and personal hatreds, playing enmity against enmity and foe against foe, is a positive menace to our school system.

I charge:

1. That political manipulation of the most brazen kind has been used in Loeb's undignified scramble to re-

seat himself on the board of education.

2. That he has relit the fires of religious controversy and is fanning them into flame for his own aggrandizement—"playing both ends against the middle" in order to get for himself both Catholic and Protestant support.

3. That he is trying to work both ends of the labor controversy in order to fool the uninitiated into thinking that his chosen, autocratic life work is not (as we in the labor movement know it is), a drive against organized labor and its democratizing influence.

Among the political tricks turned in Loeb's behalf was the work of Jacob Lindheimer, chief deputy to County Treasurer Stuckart and former alderman of the Third ward. When Roger C. Sullivan was out of the city last week, Lindheimer went to Sullivan Democrats who are members of the city council and told them that Roger Sullivan wanted them to vote to confirm Loeb. I do not know whether or not Sullivan endorses Loeb, the labor-smasher, or whether he authorized Lindheimer to use his name, but whether he did or not, the aldermen to whom Lindheimer did not make the statement and citizens generally should know that Loeb is seeking votes in that way.

Last winter, when Loeb sought the aid of Morris Siskind, the West Side Jewish labor leader, in connection with Loeb's troubles at the Chicago Hebrew institute, Siskind asked Loeb why he discharged the 68 teachers. Loeb told Siskind that the act was not one of hostility toward union labor, but that he had to do it to prevent domination of the schools by the Catholic church: that Margaret Haley called at frequent intervals on Archbishop Mundelein and got from him instructions. Loeb added: "As a Jew I cannot make this known, but I can tell you individually."

I have been told by aldermen within the last few days that Thos. F. Scully, who is judge of the county